

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/058,340

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 9-10-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 January 2002 and 11 February 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).


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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 10-5-04.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Hardy on October 5, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 10, line 10, delete the word "close".

Cancel claims 19-29 and 33.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-9 are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record does not teach the claimed subject matter which includes the cesium reservoir placed in the chamber, wherein the cesium reservoir is filled with a cesium slurry and a plug located between the cesium slurry and the channel, thereby emitting the cesium vapor from the cesium slurry through the channel; and a stopper securing the cesium reservoir in the chamber, so that the cesium vapor is emitted through the channel.

Claims 10-18 are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record does not teach the claimed subject matter including the sputtering source having the cesium vapor emitter including a housing having at least one chamber therein and at least one channel, wherein the channel has a size wide enough to introduce a desired amount of the cesium vapor and is located in close proximity to the sputter

target and a cesium reservoir placed in the chamber, wherein the cesium reservoir is filled with a cesium slurry and a plug located between the cesium slurry and the channel, and a stopper securing the cesium reservoir in the chamber, so that the cesium vapor is emitted through the channel.

The closest prior art to Kim et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,383,345) teach sputter deposition utilizing cesium but does not teach Applicant's system for delivering cesium to the sputter chamber.

The closest prior art to Seidl (U.S. Pat. 4,783,595) teach a cesium delivery system for a chamber but does not teach Applicant's claimed subject matter including among other things the reservoir and cesium slurry.

The closest prior art to Grant et al. (U.S. Pat. 2,991,389) teach a cesium vapor oven for delivering cesium vapor to a chamber but does not teach Applicant's claimed subject matter including among other things the reservoir and cesium slurry.


The closest prior art to Ikebe et al. (U.S. Pat. 4,774,433) teach a cesium vapor delivery means for delivering cesium vapor but does not teach Applicant's claimed subject matter including among other things the reservoir and cesium slurry.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney G. McDonald whose telephone number is 571-272-1340. The examiner can normally be reached on M- Th with Every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nam X. Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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